I.-The Free Public Library.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

To tell a little girl a fairy tale, to teach a housewife how better to bake t pie, to aid a carpenter the better to build a house, to help the student with his mathematics and the preacher with his theology, to train the Boy Scout and to help a young mother to care for her babe-these are the undertakings of the free public library in the Amer-

The American Library Association will hold its annual conference in Washington from May 25 to 30. It is the largest organization of librarians in the world, and these librarians have caught the true spirit of the American library-they are not merely custodians of books, they are evangelists of learning.

tion of the past though they are, the

older libraries of Europe, yet they are all (even the most highly specialized) close relation with the vital affairs of everyday life. The American library is highly efficient in its technical equipbeings in close contact with the com-

democracy) is to supply to all the means for studying all sides of every question. In addition to its well located central library, liberally stocked with books designed to satisfy the voracious appetite of all-pervasive American curiosity, efficiently administered, hospitably open at convenient hours, the American public library is a force that goes out to all parts of the city, utilizing branches in separate buildings or in schoolhouses, all-lottenents of books to social and civic centers, and so on.

ers, and so on. The free library in every American city The free library in every American city shapes itself to the special requirements of that particular city, and therefore there is no absolute type. In general principles, however, the whole library movement has gone forward at an even pace, and so, for the purposes of this article, we may make a composite portrait of a library that will represent all the libraries in cities of, say, more than 200,000 people. The libraries in the smaller cities are the same, except that their

to house his books, but to circulate them. cially on travel and nature subjects, and

advertise the library and its resources. He sends out monthly bulletins of new books; he has these printed in the daily papers. He sends out typewritten lists half are rarely idle. By reason of their contents are the library has a lecture half; some of them have several. These lecture half are rarely idle. By reason of their contents half are rarely idle. By reason of their contents half are rarely idle. By reason of their contents are rarely idle. papers. He sends out typewritten lists of special books on special subjects. He and his assistants utilize every opportunity to advertise the library by delivering lectures and addresses before clubs and schools. He is careful that school teachers always are possessed of lists of books to help the pupils in their work. Some of the advanced libraries—notably that at Washington—send out each month a social service bulletin which environment. public meetings of individuals and socleties interested in social service work, and then appends lists of books and arti-cles in periodicals bearing on the subjects

the library assists, by reference work, women's clubs, debating societies and sociological organizations. It furnishes them with books, with periodicals, both

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Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat ust flush the kidneys occasion-ly. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; remov-ing all the acids, waste and poison else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sedi-ment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night. To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemor inice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations clean and stimulate sluggish kid-neys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless cent lithia-water drink which milof men and women take now lions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases. Agent, O'Donnell's Drug Store.

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Little Stories

16 Bedtime

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

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Jimmy Skunk Is Just in Time.

had gone up the Crooked Little Path

TEETH.

"I guess I did." replied Jimmy. "Now, you get your breath and come along with me." And Old Mr. Toad did.

FORM NED HARRIGAN CLUB.

Admirers of Famous Old Actor to

Keep His Memory Green.

NEW YORK, March 28.-Songs that

Harrigan and Hart made famous a gen-

when the Ned Harrigan Club was formed

comedian, attended and enrolled them selves in the club's membership.

Selections from music Harrigan wrot

for his plays were given by the orchestra

intersposed with songs he made famous A member of the old company, Joseph M

Sparks, imitated Harrigan singing "Dad's Dinner Pail" and the "Little Old Dhu

The Ned Harrigan Club intends to hold a dinner every year to keep the come-dian's memory green.

HAR DYAL RELEASED ON BOND

Hindu Who Was Classed by Immi-

gration Officials as Undesirable.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28,-Har

Dyal, the Hindu advocate of radical social

reform who was arrested Wednesday night by immigration officials on the

ground that he is an undesirable alien, has been released on \$1,000 bonds.

Municipal reference departments are Municipal reference departments are maintained with the design to help the city government to be more efficient and to ald citizens to know and demand the best government. This comparatively recent development of library work is handled in different ways in different cities. In New York there is a distinct municipal reference library, in St. Louis this library is maintained at the city hall as a branch of the public library, and in Washington it is handled as a depart-Washington it is handled as a depart-ment of the Public Library in the main library building.

One of the most popular, and for that reason the most important, departments of library

Industrial Department One of Most Popular. trial. The

Pittsburgh library leads in technical work, while such cities as Los Angeles Newark and Washington are rapidly developing their resources and activities in this field. It is surprising how popular, even in cities, are books dealing with agriculture and poultry subjects. A feature of this department is the domestic science library, which is steadily increasing in popularity in every city. Good cook books the big piece of bark and found Old Mr. library, which is steadily increasing in

The American library is no longer a mere house of books, sleepily reposing on a side street walting for people to scome to it. It is no longer static. It is no longer an aristocratic institution, kept by scholars for scholars. The American library is dynamic. It is children's room in the library at Washington, for instance, a few years ago, all the people.

Toad under it instead of the fat beetles the had expected, he had started on down the children. The children's most popular with children. The should adults. Now it is most popular with children. The should all the was thinking of what a hurry Mr. Toad had been in as soon as he had heard ington, for instance, a few years ago, occupied only a small corner. Now it is the largest single room in the library and is the busiest section in the whole building.

Remote from the cloistered institutions.

Even in the small libraries in the small hurry. High Standards

American libraries

High Standards

(especially the of Scholarship, university and are inspired with the Library of Congress) have just as high standards of scholarship as the standards of scholarship as th

> when he had left in such a hurry, and The modern American library does not it was up the Crooked Little Path wait for school children to come to it, Mr. Blacksnake had shown himself that it goes to the morning.

is highly efficient in its technical equipment. It recognizes librarianship to be a profession and insists that its affairs be administered by trained experts, who are at the same time human beings in close contact with the common life of the common people.

Its most important work (being, as it is in fact, a university for the people in a democracy) is to supply to all the means for studying all sides of every question. In addition to its well located central library and solves a section with public playgrounds, and the heartiest co-operation is maintained with the school authorities. Clothes hampers filled with months of what might happen to clid Mr. Toad is hopping right straight into trouble, the very worst kind of trouble. How stupid of him not to have asked me where Mr. Blacksnake was! Well, it's none of my business. I guess I'll go on."

But he had gone on down the Crooked Little Path only a few steps when he stopped again. You see, Jimmy is really a very kind-hearted little fellow, and somehow he didn't like to think of what might happen to clid Mr. Toad.

There are some things that may not be learned in books that may be learned in plctures. The library today is tending more and more toward the utilization of pictures in its work. One library, with the expenditure of an absurdly small sum, has obtained a collection of thousands of pictures clipped from magazines, picked up here and there, donated by this, that or the other person or society. It is astonishing to the uninitiated anything or any one. article, we may make a composite portrait of a library that will represent all by this, that or the other person or soticle libraries in cities of, say, more than 200,000 people. The libraries in the smallactivities are necessarily less extensive.

The chief care of the librarian is not to house his books, but to circulate them.

Chief Effort Is to maximum possible maximum possible circulate Books.

Circulation and use for every that will not maintain an educational moving picture program for its patrons.

The new library at Portland, Ore., is the pioneer in this work.

The spoken word was the vehicle of knowledge long before Cadmus invented

to any organization for the free discus sion of all public questions. The library is become a forum.

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The library does not live to itself alone. The stronger helps the weaker, and, by various methods of co-operation, what is an adward of co-operation, what is an adward of the accepted routine even in the smaller library. State library commissions exist in thirty-two states, having for their purpose the ald of the smaller libraries or the extension of library work in communities where no libraries at all exist. The commissions promote this work by the distribution of subsidies, by giving expert advice in the choice of books and in cataloguing to small libraries, and the freshening up of small collections in small communities by the loan of traveling libraries.

To sum up, it may be said that it is the public educational system, and to furnish entertainment, instruction and practical aid to people of every age and class, without stint or grudging. If any reader who is not a regular visitor to the public library work in his town will take the trouble to visit the library and ask to be shown the library work in his own community, he will be not only astonished at its cope, but encouraged by its promise.

Kicked foolishly as he tried to get back on his feet again. But he was all out of breath and so frighten dand tired that all he could do was to kick and the feet all he could do was to kick and the feet hadn't seen Jimmy at all, for he had been looking othing each lim, and he didn't even know who it was he had run into.

Right behind him came Mr. Blacksnake of course, he saw Jimmy, and he stopped short and hissed angrily.

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IS READY FOR SERVICE.

Schooner Edith Verrall Soon to Go

Into Commission. With her hull rebuilt, and having been er Edith Verrall of the Clarke fleet, was resterday put overboard from a marine railway ready for service. She is now being fitted out and this afternoon is scheduled to go into commission, after lying idle for several months.

The vessel has been chartered to run rallroad ties from Nanjemoy creek, Md., to Popes creek, Md., and when she leaves here it will be for Nanjemoy to load her first cargo. It is stated the ties she will carry to Popes creek are to be taken back into the country and justed in the country. men, including actors, politicians, judges into the country and used in the con-struction of the new line of railroad through the western peninsula of Mary land to Drum point, on Chesapeake bay.

The Verrall, according to report, has several thousand ties to move, and will employed upon the work for several

Files Suit for Fifty-Year Claim. GULFPORT, Miss., March 28.-Although Maj. Frederick Earl, U. S. A., has been dead more than fifty years, Mrs. Frannie M. Hewes, a granddaughter, has filed suit against the government for \$1,000 and interest alleged to be due for meri-torious service. Maj. Earle was brevetted in 1838. He died at Pass Christian July 19, 1853.

U. S. Will Use Smuggler for Chase. SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—A boat specially designed for the smuggling of Chinese is now to be used by the government to chase smugglers, it has been learned. Several weeks ago the immigration authorities captured the fast motor cruiser Calypso in Monterey bay, and this craft is being overhauled here for the patrolling of San Francisco bay and the harbor entrance. The Calypso is equipped with a 150-horsepower engine capable of driving her at a speed far in excess of that of the old revenue boats. She draws only three feet of water. WOMEN WORTH WHILE.

THEIR INTERESTS, FRIVOLITIES AND HOBBIES.

MRS. HARRIET CHALMERS ADAMS.



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times in the saddle, has spent months
among head hunters of Luzon and has

Dominican Republic Should be the
here of every patriotic American, for
here it was that Columbus really lived.
Here he founded his first settlements.
Here he worked and suffered. Here he
lies today, in the old cathedral of Santo
Dominingo, the mother city of the Ameri-

among head hunters of Luzon and has braved the Guiana trail. She knows every foot of the way from Patagonia to Paraguay and from Sulu to Singapore. She has penetrated into regions where no white woman has ever before or since set foot.

"The strongest incentive in my traveling," says Mrs. Adams, "has been merely the love of new scenes and adventures. In later years I have come to co-ordinate and unify the knowledge and experience gained on the open trail, to apply these to the study of the history of civilizations and of peoples. Both my husband and I have traveled, first of all, for the mero love of going.

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"We have received in the study of the Paragia Congraphical Sevietation."

These journeyings, however, constitute only the merest fraction of all that Mrs. Adams has mede. She has seen all of the Azores, Madeira, Portugal and Spain, after which, filled with enthusiasm for things Spanish, she followed the quest of them into Moorish Africa. She has slept and eaten among the tribes of Borneo, has scen ancient and modern China, Siberia, Mongolia and other countries far from the beaten track of the conventional traveler.

Mrs. Adams has been honored by many geographical and scientific societies of the old world, as well as of America. Last year she received, for a woman, the unique distinction of being made a fellow of the Paragia Congraphical Sevietation.

love of going.

"We became interested in the study of the Royal Geographical Society of Latin America and its peoples long before



Anglers are having good sport on the that is taken from other than inclose river and the small tributaries in this ponds. vicinity. Fish are plentiful and anglers them to take bait. Boatmen about the city are getting their fishing craft in conson tomorrow, and, it is stated, advance of sportsmen will be on the water tomor

Three more days and the spring season for bass will close, the law providing for a closed season from April 1 until May 29, and anglers who are taking advantage of the short season are much in evidence on the walls inclosing the tidal basin and in boats on the water.

The past few days bass fishing at the basin has been interesting and successful. Hundreds of big-mouth bass and a few crappie have been caught, and the successful anglers are spending all their spare moments there.

"I've been here every day since the fish started biting," remarked a colored parson who yesterday was spooning from the wall, "and I certainly have had good

the wall, "and I certainly have had good luck. It's the only recreation I get, and the outings give me plenty of fine fish and better prepare me for preaching."

Along the wall this week were many faces familiar to the regulars who were on hand last season, and the anglers were loud in their complaint about the early closing of the season, many of them advancing the theory that the spawning season for the bass is not confined to the two months of the closed season.

"What's the use of a fellow having a holiday in the springtime if he can't go fishing?" asked Warwick Furr last Sunday when he returned from a short trip to Difficult Run, Va., and displayed a string of eight Mississippi catfish and one big mullet.

Page Shepherd, brother-in-law of the angler, accompanied him on the trip because he was anxious to learn how to catch the catfish.

"I showed him how to do it," commented Furr, "but he didn't get a fish."

Feeling that the enactment of the are experiencing no difficulty inducing measures would work a serious injustice to Washington anglers and those in Baltimore as well, Mr. Bowie started

a fight.

"Just think of it," said Mr. Bowle.

"The bill relating to Washington county, the only one I was able to get, places the sale of bass bait, scale bait, stony cats and madtoms in the hands of the few persons who own ponds and propagate them.

"Why," he added, "it would mean increasing the price so that only the wealthy could get the bait."

While in Annapolis Wednesday Mr. Bowle discussed the question with members of the legislature, and was told by one of them that the bill was intended to strike at Washington anglers.

"He later said the bill was introduced because of the scarcity of mad toms," remarked Mr. Bowle, "and I suggested that a closed season for three years would remedy the scarcity."

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State Senator Holmead and other promised to oppose the measures should they reach the floor of the Senate.

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While bass fishermen are enjoying sport about the tidal basin, others are experiencing the excitement incident to catching big Mississippi catfish in the deep water between the Aqueduct and Chain bridges.

"We are only passing away the time with the Mississippis, awaiting the arrival of the big rockfish." Charile Fletcher remarked to a party of anglers on the river yesterday.

Fletcher had caught a number of big catfish during the day and had enjoyed the sport, but he says there is more sport in landing one twenty-pound rock than in landing a dozen of the cats and last year he "made a killing" at Chain bridge during the rock season.

Yellow perch are being caught in the vicinity of the city, and it is known in that white perch are here, although hook and line fishermen have not caught any of them. Some fine ones were caught in a net below the city, this week.

In the small streams that empty into the river above the city, it is stated, an number of brook trout have been caught.

W. P. Bowle of Roberts & Co. has started an interesting fight in the ward an university of the city, and increase the ward and increase it in pow charged for them. The bills affect the bass bait supply in Frederick and Washington counties, providing against the shipment of such bait and when he left the river he had affect the bass bait supply in Frederick and Washington counties, providing against the shipment of such bait week. He was on the river four days in the counting a small one that the triver should be affect the bass bait supply in Frederick and Washington counties, providing against the shipment of such bait week. He was on the river four days in the counting a small one that the trip of the big fish that he had plenty fight, the fisherman said, and the smaller ones also made the system of the city and the river should be a counting a s

ccession, he stated, and eleven was e greatest number caught any one y. Sunday and Tuesday he caught tht fish. Monday he caught only six, tille Wednesday he caught eleven. When Mack Sparrough misses a day the river during the fishing season." on the river during the fishing season," remarked an angler, "there is something

wrong."
Last season Sparrough kept a diary, nis friends say, and he is able to tell the exact number of fish he caught.
"But," added his friend, "he won't tell. He caught so many that he is afraid he will be accused of having used a net if he tells the number."

H. A. Garren and W. H. Frey, both serving as jurors in one of the courts, were excused from jury duty Wednesday early enough to go up the river to look over the water and learn something of the prospects for the approaching season. It was after 1 o'clock when they reached Fletcher's.

Garren led the catch with an elevenpounder. Frey landed a five-pounder, and nine other smaller fish were caught.

William Wynkoop was among those who went after Mississippi cattlsh this week. He fished with Mack Sparrough two days and went it alone one day. Wynkoop landed a number of big fish.

morrow. Last season he had great ort on the river, catching everything is the happy possessor of a minnow kept in an aquarium all winter. That minnow is the lightweight cham-

furnished him the sight of others catching bass. The next day he returned and managed to get two fish, and Thursday he succeeded in landing three bass.

Capt. J. Moler Anderson, first officer Capt. J. Moler Anderson, first officer of the launch J. M. A., and president of the fishing club bearing the boat's name, soon will launch his craft for the season. The boat has been thoroughly overhauled and improved, and members of the club are looking forward to an early fishing trip down the river.

Last season the club made several trips to the lower river, fishing the several tributaries where large-mouth bass thrive

ibutaries where large-mouth bass thrive and going far enough down to enjoy crab-bing. The club membership includes Capt. Anderson. J. G. Archer, H. H. Red-miles, C. W. Rollins, Ringgold Hart and Charles Mullon.

Dr. Walter S. Harban, president of the ion of preparing to feed wild geese in

Anglers are having a great time catching catfish and mullets in the Eastern branch, near Benning bridge. A number of colored sportsmen the past month have earned as much as \$3 a day selling the fish they caught.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

For Maintenance of Deserving High School Graduates at Cornell.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 28.-A fund estimated at \$400,000 will be created for the maintenance at Cornell University of deserving male graduates of the Williamsport High School by the final dis position of the late Alfred D. Hermance, whose will has been filed here. After specific bequests amounting to about \$70 specific bequests amounting to about \$70,-000, the income of the residuary estate, valued at more than \$500,000, was left to Mr. Hermance's widow during her life. 3 After her death the will declares that it shall go to the Cornell scholarship trust fund. It is estimated that the income will be sufficient to maintain about thirty-five students, who are to be selected by nve students, who are to be selected by a permanent committee.

The will also provides for a trust fund of \$7,000, the interest on which is to be used for cash prizes for pupils of the grammar schools who need assistance to enable them to go to high school.

BOASTING BRINGS DOWNFALL.

Family Fugitive From Cincinnati Must Quit Canada for Theft.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 28.-Just because he stole a cheese in Montreal, Oscar 3 Kessler, a glassworker of this city, is awaiting deportation at Windsor, Canada, as an undesirable citizen, and will soon be brought here to face a charge of nonsupport of his family. Two years ago his wife complained to officials of the Ohlo Humane Society that Kessler did not support her.

Kessler heard of her action and escaped to Canada, and wrote boasting letters to the humane society officials that he was outside of their jurisdiction. High Cana-dian officials were communicated with outside of their jurisdiction. High Canadian officials were communicated with, but nothing could be done with Kessler until he stole the cheese and was arrested and then declared an undesirable citizen.

Miss Fannie V. Shafer and Raymond N. Reeder, both of Rocky Ridge, Md., we married Wednesday at Carrollton, Md.

TESTIMONY TO BE HEARD ON INDUSTRIAL TOPICS

Collective Bargaining, Conciliation and Arbitration Considered by Federal Commission.

The United States commission on industrial relations today announced the names of witnesses who will testify at the public hearings to be held in Washington on the subject of collective bar-"And the river looked so enticing," ington on the subject of collective gaining, conclliation and arbitration.

The hearings will be held in the assets."

The hearings will be held in the assem bly room of the Shoreham Hotel, begin ning Monday morning, April 6, and will continue for four days. Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission, will preside and all of the nine commissioners will be

Industries Considered Separately. Each of six large industries in which

Austin Savage expects to wet his lines trade agreements or other forms of collective bargaining have been in operation minnow to a five-pound bass, and during considerable periods will be con sidered separately. the final session of the hearing will be

"That minnow is the lightweight champion fighter," says Savage, "and is ready for all comers. I'll lay a wager that the little fish will lick any fish twice its size."

The troublesome little fish played havod in Mrn. Savage's aquarium, killing her goldfish and showing signs of wanting other combatants to be brought forward. Other goldfish were brought and they fared no better than the others.

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"And I saw the little fish do the damproud of it as a fighter." N. L. Pulliam fished the tidal basin three mornings during the week. He thinks it's the greatest sport in the world to hook a three-pound bass and lift it the long distance from the water to the wall. His first trip to the basin furnished him the sight of others catch.

Dor; Judge W. C. Chambers of the United States board of conciliation and mediation, Louis D. Brandeis of Boston and the Shea has been renewed, and she is in good order for efficient service with the wood and lumber running fleet.

As soon as the Shea is put overboard the tug James O. Carter of the Taylor

Separate hearings will be devoted to representatives of the coal mining industry, the molders' trade, the clothing industry, the printing trades, the building trades and railroads. On each of these ployers and employes will be heard.

from Alexandria, at 10th street wharf for E. Madison Hall; schooner Richard Tall, at Alexandria from Upper Machodoo Fish and Game Protective Association, is enjoying a vacation in Florida. Soon creek with cord wood consigned to Wash-after he returns he will call a meeting ington dealers; steamer Newport News. from Old Point and Norfolk, to Norfolk tion of preparing to feed wild geese in the District.

Dr. Harban and Maj. Sylvester, the latter the District game warden, favor planting wild oats, colery and rice in and about the wet spots in the District for the purpose of feeding the geese.

Larse flocks of geese pass over the District each year, says Maj. Sylvester, and it should be an easy matter to have them feed here. In southern states, says the game warden, the geese find plenty to eat and they become very tame. and Washington Steamboat Company

U. S. fisheries service steamer Fish Hawk, on a cruise to the lower Potoma and Chesapeake bay; flattie Mellum, light for a lower river point, to load back to this city; schooner Lanclott, light, for a Maryland point, to load cord wood back to this city; sloop Volunteer, light for the lower river, to load back to this port; schooner Mary Francis, light, for Alexandria, to haul out for repair work; schooner Eleanor Russell, light, from Alexandria for a river point, to load and return; schooner J. T. White, light, for

Maryland point, to load cord wood for he dealers here; steamer Wakefield, pasthe dealers here; steamer Wakefield, pas-sengers and freight, for river points and Nomini creek; steamer Northland, pas-sengers and freight, for Old Point and Norfolk; U. S. revenue cutter Apache, for Baltimore.

Tugs and Tows.

Tug Advance has left Norfolk towing dredging machine by sea to Philadelphia; tug Capt. Toby arrived with lightarrived towing lighters from Occoquar trict; tug John Miller left the Eastern branch towing lighters for Broad creek

Schooner Edith Verrall is chartered to run ties between Nanjemoy creek and Popes creek, Md; schooner Hattle & Francis is reported at a river point to load for this city; schooner W. H. French is at Baltimore with lumber from a Po tomac point; schooner Hallie K. is due at this port with oysters from a Potomac point; schooner D. P. Mulford will be em-ployed in spring and summer fishing on the river; schooner Silver Star will re-turn to a lower river point to load back to this port

SHIPYARDS ARE BUSY.

fleet will be taken out of the water at the Alexandria yard to have a new propeller wheel installed and for other work that will put her in good order for service. The Carter will probably be on the raflway for about forty-eight hours. The public health service launch Bratton, which is employed in the sanitary survey of the Potomac river, is at the shippard to have just after the type Carter.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals.

Schooner Silver Wave, oysters from the Potomac beds, at 11th street wharf for the market here; schooner J. A. Holland, from Alexandria, at 10th -street wharf

Stiff Neck

or any other stiffness or lameness of strained and aching muscles, should have prompt relief. Nothing like

for backache—in fact, most any kind of pain.

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